

**Weekly Weather
Crop Report**

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending August 11, 2002**. Harvesting of early planted crops has begun. Many farmers are hoping for favorable weather to harvest their crops. Soil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 22 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dough	100	98	100	99	0	4	20	59	17
	Dent	93	88	91	92					
	Mature	54	39	54	59					
	Harvested	6	2	5	14					
	Silage Harvested	73	58	71	61					
Cotton	Setting Bolls	100	99	100	100	0	3	13	61	23
	Open Bolls	12	5	10	13					
Rice	Heading	93	75	88	80	0	2	9	65	24
	Mature	13	4	10	6					
Sorghum	Turning Color	81	69	81	76	0	2	7	70	21
	Mature	31	11	31	24					
	Silage Harvested	22	15	7	7					
Soybeans	Blooming	100	96	100	96	1	3	19	56	21
	Setting Pods	90	81	95	89					
	Turning Color	21	11	27	21					
	Shedding Leaves	15	--	10	9					
	Harvested	2	--	--	--					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	81	76	77	74	1	3	19	54	23
Watermelons	Harvested	99	97	89	86	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes						10	34	23	33	0
Cattle						0	3	18	62	17
Pasture						0	4	26	56	14

County Agent Comments

“Growers are watering soybeans and cotton. We are still finding worms in soybeans, cotton, and rice fields. Corn and milo harvest is just starting.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“Early corn harvest has started. Irrigated corn yields are in the 175 to 200 bushel per acre range. Insect pressure continues to build in soybeans. Cotton and rice are looking good to excellent.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“Cotton is being sprayed on a fairly widespread basis. Stink bugs have not been as bad as expected in soybeans and rice yet. Corn, grain sorghum, and some soybean harvest has begun.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“We need some dry weather to start harvesting corn. Cotton and soybeans are looking promising. The dairy cows are milking better with the temperatures in the low 90's and the afternoon showers that we have been getting just about all summer. Hay harvest continues between showers with some success.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“Hay harvesting has been slowed due to rains. Armyworms are on the move and have attacked several fields.”

— Perry Brumfield, Lincoln County

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Weather Summary from August 5, 2002 to August 11, 2002 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	95	67	81	81	0	0.07	-0.51	1	4.18	90	75	83	0.21
Cleveland	96	65	81	82	-1	0.00	-0.33	0	2.93				
Tunica	97	66	83	81	+2	0.06	-0.50	1	2.56		66	91	0.23
Extreme/Average	97	65	82	81	+1	0.04	-0.61	1	3.22		66	87	0.22
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				78		0.00	-0.79	0	2.30				0.35
Memphis	97	68	83	82	+1	0.20	-0.50	1	3.99				
Oxford	96	60	80	80	0	0.00	-0.78	0	2.71				
Extreme/Average	97	60	81	80	+1	0.07	-0.66	0	3.00				0.35
3. Northeast													
Booneville	96	64	80	79	+1	0.68	-0.09	1	2.10				
Corinth				81		0.68	-0.02	2	2.06				
Iuka	96	58	77	77	0	2.21	+1.33	1	4.17				
Pontotoc	96	65	80	81	-1	0.02	-0.68	1	1.74	89	79	84	0.24
Tupelo	97	66	81	80	+1	0.18	-0.41	1	2.22				
Verona	99	65	83	81	+2	0.02	-0.79	1	1.74	97	81	89	0.28
Extreme/Average	99	58	80	80	0	0.63	-0.09	1	2.34	97	79	87	0.24
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				82		0.00	-0.79	0	2.60				
Rolling Fork	96	66	82	82	0	0.43	-0.21	1	1.84	107	84	95	0.24
Stoneville	97	66	82	82	0	0.00	-0.45	0	3.00	101	83	91	0.33
Yazoo City	95	70	82	82	0	0.00	-0.82	0	4.26				
Extreme/Average	97	66	82	82	0	0.14	-0.52	0	3.03	107	83	93	0.28
5. Central													
Carthage	94	63	80	81	-1	0.00	-0.86	0	3.72				
Greenwood	95	66	80	82	-2	0.00	-0.58	0	2.71				
Jackson	94	66	81	81	0	0.19	-0.69	2	9.83				
Winona	92	61	77	78	-1	0.00	-0.72	0	6.18				
Extreme/Average	95	61	80	80	0	0.05	-0.79	1	5.61				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	96	68	83			0.00	-0.77	0	1.62	87	78	83	
Columbus	97	69	83	81	+2	0.00	-0.84	0	3.28				
State University	96	64	81	81	0	0.02	-0.76	1	5.43	94	85	90	0.25
Extreme/Average	97	64	82	80	+2	0.01	-0.80	0	3.44	94	78	86	0.25
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	95	67	81	82	-1	0.00	-0.77	0	2.69	86	82	84	
Natchez	88	61	75	82	-7	0.23	-0.61	2	6.85				
Oakley	95	65	82	81	+1	0.42	-0.45	1	3.84	93	78	86	
Vicksburg	95	65	82			0.03		1	0.95				
Extreme/Average	95	61	80	81	-1	0.17	-0.77	1	3.58	93	78	85	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	94	67	81	82	-1	2.50	+1.43	1	7.03				
McComb	94	67	79	82	-3	4.69	+3.50	6	10.73				
Extreme/Average	94	67	80	81	-1	3.60	+2.48	4	8.88				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	95	68	81			1.50		3	5.74				
Hattiesburg	96	65	81	82	-1	1.28	+0.14	2	5.15				
Laurel				81		0.12	-0.84	1	2.61				
Meridian	94	64	80	82	-2	0.02	-0.80	1	2.46				
Newton	96	61	80	80	0	0.01	-0.89	1	2.32	93	76	83	0.26
Extreme/Average	96	61	80	81	-1	0.59	-0.43	2	3.66	93	76	83	0.26
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	98	67	80	82	-2	3.20 E	+1.77	3	6.29E				
Biloxi AFB	91	73	82			1.73 E		3	7.24E				
Gulfport	91	70	81	83	-2	2.45	+1.16	2	10.06				
Pascagoula	94	67	80			6.61		2	10.66				
Poplarville	94	69	80	82	-2	2.17	+0.95	3	3.24	91	76	82	
Extreme/Average	98	67	81	82	-1	3.23	+1.81	3	7.50	91	76	82	
State	99	58	81	81	0	0.75	-0.14	1	4.40		66	86	0.27

DFN = Departure from Normal.